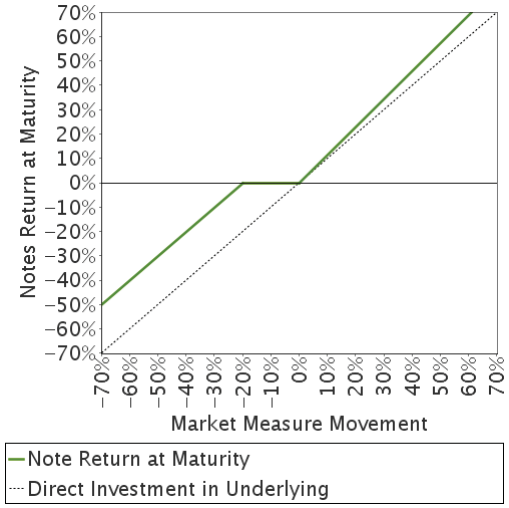
LEVERAGED INDEX RETURN NOTES® (LIRNs®)

	LIRNs® Linked to the S&P 500® Index
Issuer	HSBC USA Inc. ("HSBC")
Principal Amount	$10.00 per unit
Term	Approximately five years
Market Measure	S&P 500® Index (Bloomberg symbol: "SPX")
Payout Profile at Maturity	• [105% to 125%] leveraged upside exposure to increases in the Market Measure • 1-to-1 downside exposure to decreases in the Market Measure beyond a 20.00% decline, with up to 80.00% of the principal amount at risk
Participation Rate	[105% to 125%] to be determined on the pricing date
Threshold Value	80% of the Starting Value of the Market Measure
Investment Considerations	This investment is designed for investors who anticipate that the Market Measure will increase over the term of the notes, and are willing to take downside risk below a threshold and forgo interim interest payments.
Preliminary Offering Documents	https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/83246/000114420416098179/v438481_fwp.htm
Exchange Listing	No



This graph reflects the hypothetical return on the notes, based on the mid-point of the range(s) set forth in the table to the left. This graph has been prepared for purposes of illustration only.

You should read the relevant Preliminary Offering Documents before you invest.
Click on the Preliminary Offering Documents hyperlink above or call your Financial Advisor for a hard copy.

Risk Factors

Please see the Preliminary Offering Documents for a description of certain risks related to this investment, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Depending on the performance of the Market Measure as measured shortly before the maturity date, your investment may result in a loss; there is no guaranteed return of principal.
- Payments on the notes, including repayment of principal, are subject to the credit risk of HSBC. If HSBC becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its obligations, you may lose your entire investment.
- The estimated initial value of the notes on the pricing date will be less than their public offering price.
- If you attempt to sell the notes prior to maturity, their market value may be lower than both the public offering price and the estimated initial value of the notes on the pricing date.
- You will have no rights of a holder of the securities represented by the Market Measure, and you will not be entitled to receive securities or dividends or other distributions by the issuers of those securities.

Final terms will be set on the pricing date within the given range for the specified Market-Linked Investment. Please see the Preliminary Offering Documents for complete product disclosure, including related risks and tax disclosure.